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Captain Meares students put Nuu-chah-nulth culture front and centre

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tahsis—The children of Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School played host on June 11 for an end-of-the-year potlatch that has become an annual event in the northern Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The theme of this year's successful party was *uuyaſluk t'atnāʔis* or "to take care of the children." Students from Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School, Gold River Secondary School, Ray Watkin Elementary School, Zeballos Elementary Secondary School, and a Victoria independent school called Spectrum traveled to Tahsis by land and sea to honor the invitation to attend. It was the first potlatch hosted in the remote community in many years.

The host school had been preparing for weeks and volunteers worked feverishly to provide for the many people who came to witness the event, providing a hearty luncheon with such delicacies as oysters on the shell and duck soup on the menu. Smoked salmon, ling cod and the more European foods such as turkey and roast beef were also served up.

Steve Howard provided the welcome from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht peoples on whose territory the school sits. He also gifted the community a Raven mask, which stood before the curtain that was hand-painted by the Captain Meares student body.

Tahsis locals Agnes and Alice John represented the two families under which the potlatch was organized. The curtain featured a longhouse design that recalled the special big houses in which potlatches of yesteryear would have been held. A whale and two wolves were symbols connected with the host families. Other crests and student artwork were displayed around the gymnasium.

The event was emceed by Philip John and Chrissie John, who confidently handled their many responsibilities over the course of the day, including accepting gifts from the visitors and ensuring the wit wok were securing the room from disturbances during the songs and presentations.

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Chuck John and Kenny Smith cleansed the floor to protect the dancers. Chuck then led in the Captain Meares school dancers who provided the welcoming performances. Steve Howard later gave Chuck a paddle song to hold to be able to perform at other potlatches he attends.

Ray Watkins Elementary students performed three songs, including Maquinna's paddle song and the Kleco Song, written by the late Ellen Rush. They also performed the fun song known as Nine Time. They had been practising the songs for about three weeks in preparation for the potlatch.

Ray Watkins gave gifts of a paddle and student-made pillows to the host school.

Gold River Secondary then took the floor to perform a dinner song called Pastime and one called Mary's Song. This song was given to six-year-old Mary Johnson at Annastasia John's coming of age party in 2006. The dance features young children gathering in the centre of the floor while the dancers encircle them and throw candy to them. The students had been practising the dance for the six weeks leading up to the party in Tahsis.

The dancers from Kyuquot also did a number of songs, and Janice John presented Chuck John with the name Ha shii yee aht or He Brings Good News.

Zeballos provided boxes of chumash and cedar work done by the Friday Weaving Club to the hosts. Also, a number of special carvings were done, including a student-made paddle and necklace that were presented.

"We love you from our hearts for the hospitality," said James Johnson, on behalf of the Zeballos students. Victoria Wells, Hii K'usiiinupšk, was gratified with the Nuu-chah-nulth culture that was on display at the day's event. She said it got her thinking about her mother's days in school when every effort was made to eradicate her "Indianness." Hii K'usiiinupšk said there was a change in the tide, and she was looking forward to seeing what that tide would bring in.

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Maaqtusiis School Class of 2010 is Roxanne Swan, Jori Frank, Sabrina Campbell, Dion Keitlah, Kayla Little, Richard Little, Traci Swan, Joseph George Jr., Shayleanne Little, Thomas S. Campbell, Michelle Edgar, and Julia George. Missing from the photo are siblings Shayleanne and Richard Little.

Maaqtusiis 2010: Ahousaht celebrates

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Maaqtusiis School saw 12 Grade 12 students accept their graduation certificates June 11 as parents, friends and family celebrated the school's largest graduating class ever.

The graduates were introduced one by one as they entered the school gym on the arms of their escorts. Their faces beamed with pride as each paused to smile for the dozens of loved ones there taking photos. Escorts delivered each graduate to the stage, decorated in a starry night theme before taking seats amongst the audience.

Mistress of ceremonies Mena Webster called for a moment of silence to pay respects to the memories of community members recently lost. Ahousaht elder Louie Frank Sr. said a prayer, expressing gratitude to the Creator for the graduating class and everything the people have been blessed with.

Principal Rebecca Atleo said earlier in the year it looked like there would be five graduates but, as time went on, a few moves happened and some students put

in extra effort. The final number of graduates more than doubled.

She encouraged the students to continue learning.

"This is just one amongst your list of grads," she told them. Atleo reminded them of their previous graduation ceremonies at Maaqtusiis School: Nursery, Kindergarten and Grade 7.

"This is one milestone as you enter adulthood and you can go on and add more," she added.

Atleo went on to acknowledge parents, extended family members and her teaching staff for their efforts in ensuring the success of the class of 2010.

Atleo congratulated the graduating class before talking about academic achievement. In previous years, the Honour Stole went to the student with the highest grade point average in Grade 12. This year, school staff tried a different approach. Rather than focusing only on the final year of school, they decided they would take into consideration all years that students take courses that are Grade 12 requirements.

They went back to Grade 10 for each of the students and tallied the highest grade point average from that point.

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A delegation from Metro Vancouver shared their draft Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan June 15.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht members rally to support waste to energy

By **Denise Titian**
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

to Canada's just over 20%.

Recycling programs are already in place in Vancouver but more work needs to be done. Besides educating the public about reducing waste and recycling, Vancouver must still come up with alternatives to dumping refuse at the Delta Landfill.

They are looking to a revolutionary process that emphasizes the value of waste as a resource; a plan that converts solid waste to energy by incineration. And that is where Gold River and Mowachaht/Muchalaht come in.

Lois E. Jackson, Delta Mayor and chair to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors said there are 2.3 million people in Vancouver producing 1.5 million tons of trash each year that ends up in a Delta landfill. Population continues to increase and the landfill is expected to reach capacity by 2012, leaving the city with the tough task of coming up with new ways to deal with waste.

According to Covanta Energy, Green Island Energy Ltd. a subsidiary of Muchalaht Industries Ltd.; they have been in full consultation with First Nations regarding the development of the Gold River Power Project.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht band have entered into a benefits agreement that

received the support of their Council of Chiefs and has been ratified by band members.

Gold River Power is a sustainable waste management system that will serve Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island. Covanta will redevelop the dormant Gold River Pulp and Paper Mill into a modern electricity-generating Energy-from-Waste facility to convert up to 750,000 tonnes per year of post-recycled municipal solid waste produced by Metro Vancouver and other regions into 100 megawatts of clean, renewable energy.

The project will receive waste delivered to a new transfer facility located adjacent to the Fraser River which will first process the waste and recover recyclables. Residual waste will then be transported in sealed containers by ocean-going barge from the Lower Mainland to the Gold River site.

The project proposed by Covanta Energy will:

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- Improve air quality in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley by lowering mobile sources of emissions

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Kleco! Kleco!

Notice to Nuu-chah-nulth Members

Re: Medical Patient Travel- Away from Home- Port Alberni Area

Please be advised that as of **June 30th, 2010** Port Alberni Friendship Center will no longer provide away from home Medical Patient Travel services to Nuu-chah-nulth members in the Port Alberni area.

Beginning **July 1st, 2010**, all Nuu-chah-nulth members that utilize the Medical Patient Travel services through the Port Alberni Friendship Center will be redirected to their member Nation for Medical Patient Travel Assistance.

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Statement on the second anniversary of apology to residential school survivors

Ottawa—Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo issued the following statement today to mark the second anniversary of the Government of Canada's Apology for the Indian Residential Schools:

"Today, we remember first and foremost the thousands of First Nations youth who were taken from their families and placed in Indian residential schools, those who are still with us as well as the memory of those who have passed on. The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which led to the apology, is a tribute and testament to their diligence in the quest for justice and reconciliation.

The historic apology to residential school survivors was an important moment in our shared history. The apology was a statement by all of Parliament that colonialist policies and attitudes that undermined First Nations governments and denigrated First Nations families and cultures were wrong, caused great harm and have no place in Canada today.

The Apology also contained a promise and a commitment by Parliament to join First Nations on a journey towards healing and reconciliation. Survivors and their families look to the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which launches its first national event in Winnipeg next week, as an important part of this process. As the Commission embarks on its truth telling process, we must all work to ensure survivors have the cultural and emotional support they need to tell their stories.

As we confront the legacy of the past we look also to the future with the understanding that reconciliation today requires significant changes in the relationship between First Nations and government.

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The scholarship award will be announced October 1st, 2010.

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Celebrating Achievement: National Aboriginal Day June 21

Local reporter churns out stories with substance

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Being laid up with a broken leg really gives a guy an opportunity to reflect on life, at least that's what Wawmeesh George Hamilton discovered when a fall from a tree snapped his fibula in 2005.

He was reaching that funny age, when there was just as much living behind him as there was in front, and at age 40 he was getting a little long in the tooth for tree planting.

Wawmeesh had had a string of jobs that failed to satisfy him, stop gaps along the road, and now his days as a tree planter seemed numbered. He lay underneath that tree for half an hour, his cries for help drowned out by the sound of a logger working nearby. He dragged his broken body over to the tree cache and, although he didn't realize it at the time, towards a career that he has decided in.

Hamilton is the recent recipient of two awards to prove it—Best Feature Photo for the Vancouver Island Division of the Black Press, owners of the Alberni News where Wawmeesh toils as a reporter, and Best Hard News Story for the Island Division.

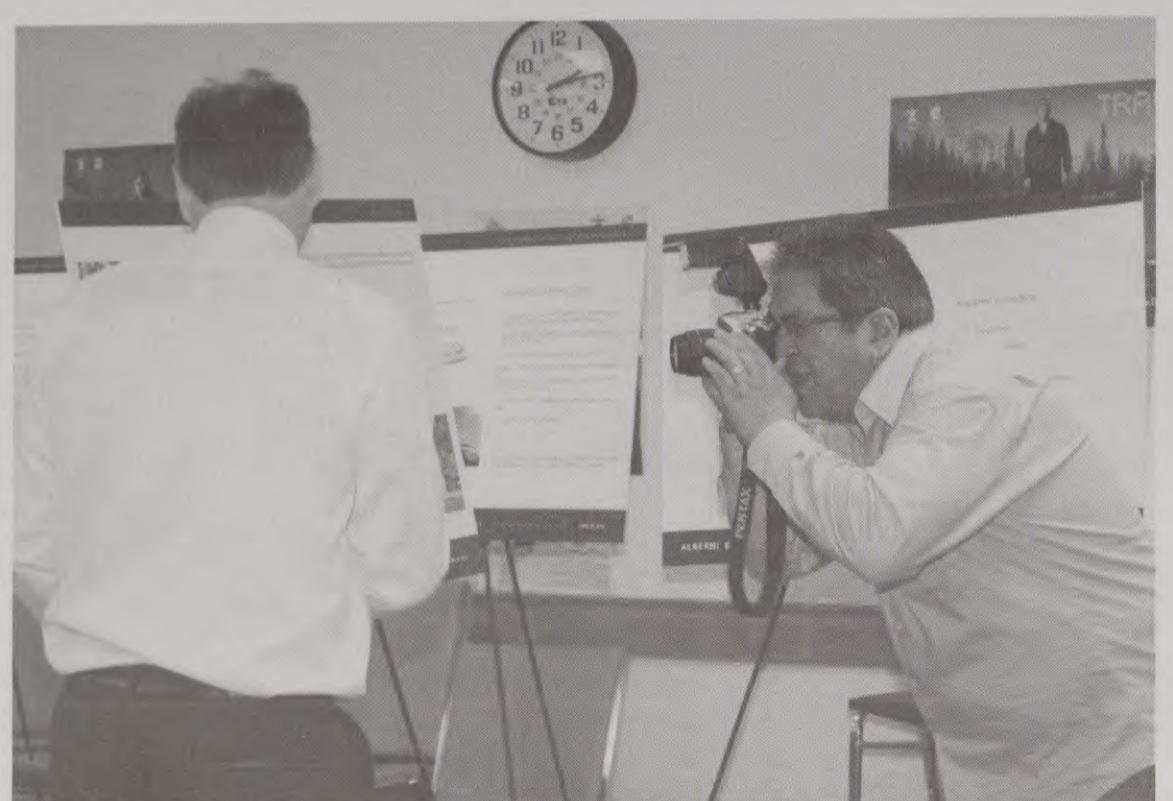
If someone should care to ask how Wawmeesh found his way into journalism, his big break into the career he loves was quite literal. He spent eight weeks mending his broken leg and thinking about life.

"I found myself not wanting to be one of these guys, one of these people that just wait around for the band office to just throw something to them. I couldn't do that."

In January 2006, he finished his final credits by taking a long-form feature writing course. The topic he chose for his 2,500 article was Native basketball in Port Alberni. The feature ran in Ha-Shilth-Sa in spring of that year.

Graduation from Malaspina was the happiest and saddest day of his life, Wawmeesh said. He had been accepted at Langara College in the one-year journalism stream, but he would have to leave his wife Christie and five children at home in Port Alberni to succeed in the intense program. With eight courses per term, it was a challenge every day just to

"And from that moment on it erased and obliterated whatever plan that I had," Wawmeesh told Ha-Shilth-Sa. He



Wawmeesh George Hamilton takes aim at School District 70 Board Chair Larry Ransom at a recent event. Wawmeesh recently won two journalism awards for his work at the Alberni Valley News.

said taking the course was like a child looking through a kaleidoscope where everything that is blurry comes suddenly into sharp, clear focus.

"It was like a dump truck worth of material came down on me." But there wasn't a day, he said, he didn't want to be there.

"I had to bust my ass, and I did."

Still, his decision to leave his family took a heavy toll. He had the support of his Christie, but one of his young daughters was grief-stricken with the absence of her father. And when he managed to make it home on occasion, his two-year-old didn't seem to remember who he was. Nothing comes without a price.

"But I had accomplished something. I really felt a sense of fulfillment."

One of the first accolades that

Wawmeesh garnered over his brief reporting career came in the second part of the Langara program. He was in the role of managing editor of the school newspaper and the editorial he chose to write was about a leadership struggle at the Aboriginal Students Union.

Wawmeesh felt it was a matter of public interest to disclose the disagreement and he caught considerable flack from those who would want to keep the dispute private. He wrote that the dispute was childish, that despite offers from the larger students union to provide a facilitator to resolve the issues, both sides in the Aboriginal Students Union had decided to dig in and wouldn't budge their ground.

There are those who do not speak to Wawmeesh to this day because of what he wrote, but he didn't cave to their pressure and that makes him proud.

"Me weathering that storm and standing my ground, at the end of the year that won me an award—the outstanding Ethical Reporter Award for tackling a tough ethical issue."

It wouldn't be the last time that Wawmeesh would come up against group of people who disagreed with what he would choose to write.

Take the article for which he won this year's award for Best Hard News story. After that story ran, the paper received letters of complaint.

The article focused on a single component of a sensational event that occurred in Port Alberni in 2008.

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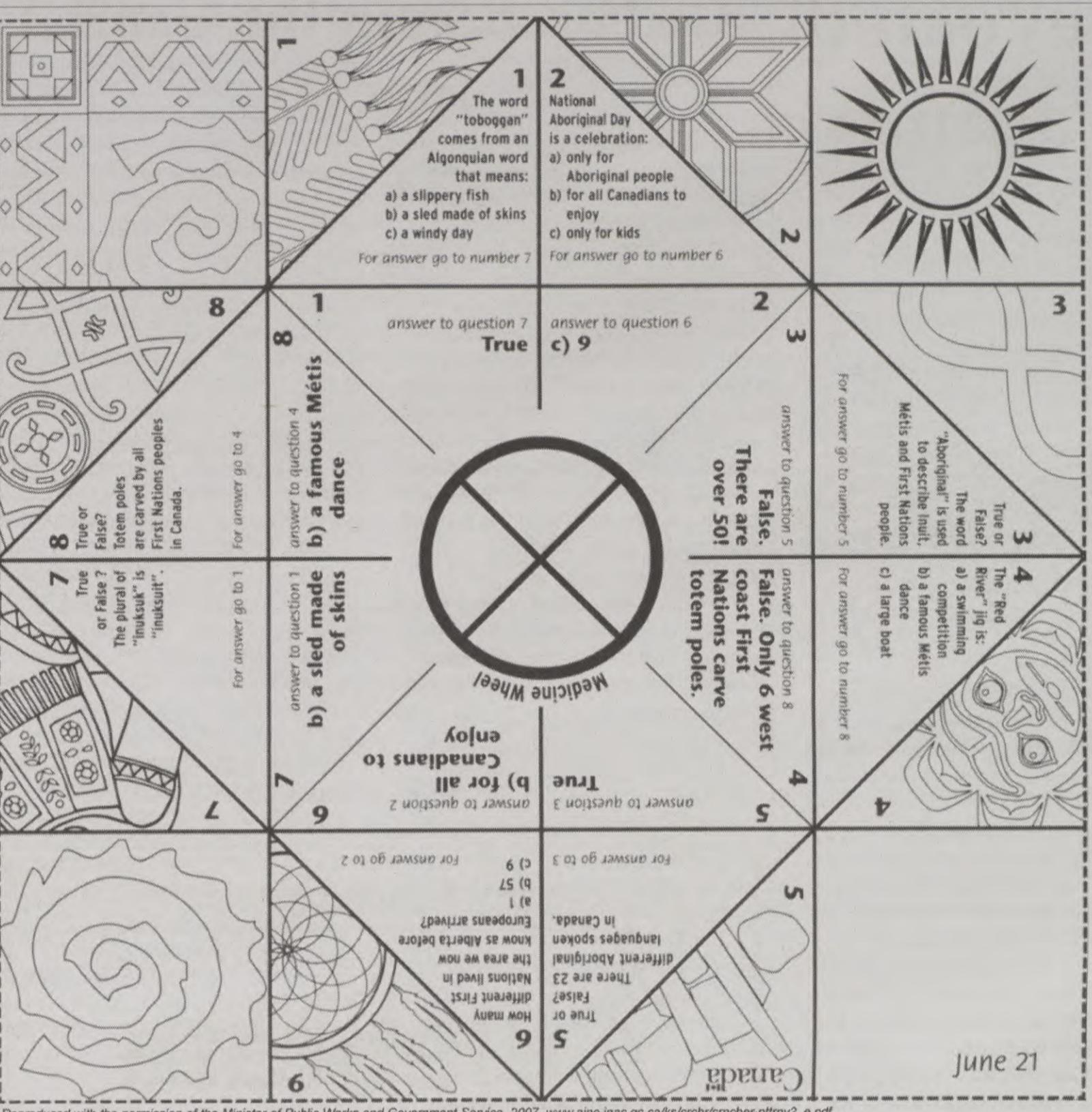


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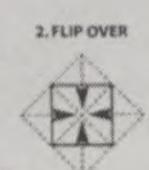
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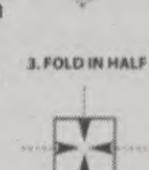
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3. Count out the number you've chosen from the inside triangles, at the same time as you open and close your cracker.

4. Again, choose a number from one of the Aboriginal illustrations from the inside triangles, but this time peek under the flap and read the question at the top.

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Scott Hall

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Career path revealed itself out on a limb

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A jewellery store owner was being robbed at gunpoint when he retrieved his own weapon from his safe and shot one of the robbers as he was attempting to flee.

Local media was all over the story. The police told their side, the store owner told his, but there was one side missing from the reportage and that stuck in Wawmeech's craw—the story from the wounded robber himself. The last time Wawmeech had seen him in Port Alberni he was laying in the doorway of the jeweller's, badly wounded. In all the reporting his name had never been mentioned as charges were pending his release from hospital.

In November 2009, the shop owner was presented an award for bravery by a gun enthusiasts' group. During the course of covering that event, Wawmeech learned the robber's name, James Gumbleton, 46, and that he was still ailing.

"It was always important to me and it is the value that I take most seriously as a journalist, to explore a story from all sides. Regardless of who this guy was and what he had just done, he had a side of the story that hadn't been told. It was critical for me to get that side. It ate at me," Wawmeech said.

Hamilton interned at a daily paper in Vancouver, worked his first job at Coquitlam Now, a twice-weekly publication, and is now churning out copy at the small weekly, facing the daily competition of the AV Times, a pub with three times the editorial staff and more resources.

"We take it on the chin four days a week from the daily, but fluffy back on the fifth day," said Wawmeech.

And he's planning on staying in the Valley for the short term. But he has dreams.

Ultimately he'd like to cover news in a larger market with issues of more regional or provincial significance. Or, he may take an assignment overseas in Africa or South America covering a non-governmental organization.

"There are stories that need to be told, pictures that need to be taken."

Hesquiaht girl is one amazing kid

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It was the mural project that Kathleen said moved Angelica's teacher to nominate her for the Amazing Kid scholarship program.

A Channel and Save-on-Foods celebrates successful local young people through their Amazing Kid Scholarship program. They look for young people that are doing great things in school, sports or the arts, or any kid who has done something inspirational, heroic or exceptional. They feature an Amazing Kid scholarship winner every Thursday on the evening news.

Angelica received her scholarship surrounded by family and friends on camera in front of the A Channel studio in Victoria. She received her \$1,000

said. But there were also letters on the other side, congratulating him on the work he had done.

What did that tell Wawmeech?

"That I did right," he said, pausing.

"That I did right and that it was a good article."

He admits that, from time to time, he gets frustrated with people who don't understand the role of journalists. A story is not personal to him. He hasn't got an agenda. His job, as he's been trained, is to provide information and leave it in the readers' hands to do with it what they will.

His purpose is to tell a good story, and through that effort it keeps public officials accountable, it creates change, it makes a difference.

Wawmeech George Hamilton is a rare bird. He's a First Nations person (Hupacasath) in print journalism, one of a handful perhaps across the province.

He said that while his heritage provides a context and understanding with respect to Aboriginal news that other journalists may lack, he thinks of himself as a journalist who happens to be aboriginal rather than an aboriginal journalist.

"You have a set of responsibilities that despite what you are you have to carry them out. My editor is a journalist who happens to be a woman."

Hamilton decided there were only two hospitals where Gumbleton could be, and he tracked him down to GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre. Wawmeech called Gumbleton in the spinal cord unit there, and Gumbleton agreed to be interviewed.

In the story Wawmeech describes the yellow walls of the unit, the sterile smell of the place and the whirring of electric wheelchairs as people moved about the halls. Gumbleton was waiting for the reporter in a little room. There

Gumbleton described the drug-use that fuelled the crime at the jewellery store. He was now paralysed from the chest down, the bullets from the store-owner's gun had torn away his stomach, his bowels, his bladder and severed his spinal cord.

After the article on Gumbleton was published, some people accused the paper of bias to Gumbleton's side. It was called sloppy journalism, Wawmeech

Celebrating in the Capital June 20

The drum, embodying the heartbeat of First Nations people, will reverberate across Victoria's beautiful Inner Harbour this Sunday, calling people of all races, ages and beliefs to join together in the festivities celebrating National Aboriginal Day in the Capital.

The fourth annual family-oriented event takes place on the Provincial Capital Commission's Ship Point venue below the Victoria Visitor Centre on June 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will bring together 20 First Nations artists in a colorful marketplace with entertainment provided by drum groups from different First Nations. The event is free and open to everyone.

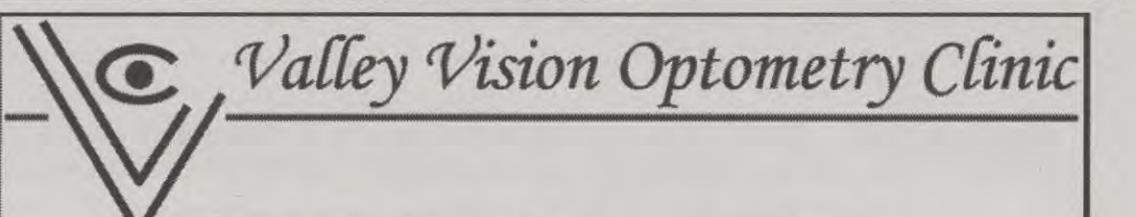
The market will provide an opportunity to meet and talk with a wide variety of artists from different mediums and nations. "Art and craft is a tangible way for the community at large to understand the diversity of the First Nations of BC and of Canada," says volunteer Ron Rice. "It is also a way that we continue to express both ourselves and our con-

nexion to our ancestors."

Performers include Unity Drummers and Singers and Big Crew both of which are multi-nation drum groups comprised of people originating from Nations across Canada and now living in Victoria. Drummers and Singers of the Kwakwaka'wakw, whose traditional territory is the northeast coast of Vancouver Island, includes members from all over Vancouver Island. The day's event will also feature the Hishingwas Drummers and Singers from the west coast of Vancouver Island and the Nuu Ch'a Nulth territory.

Celebrating National Aboriginal Day in the Capital City is a volunteer run event with support from the Provincial Capital commission, the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and Vancity.

Artist Market – 11am-6pm
Live presentations – 12pm-5pm
For more information:
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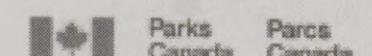
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Celebrating Achievement: National Aboriginal Day June 21

Food gardens sprouting in First Nations communities

Victoria is helping to provide First Nations communities with better access to fresh vegetables by funding 17 food gardens in the most remote communities, said Ida Chong, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport.

"Eating fruits and vegetables often is essential to maintaining a healthy lifestyle," said Chong. "Through the First Nations food garden grants, we're helping communities to best manage their health by educating and enabling them to grow a sustainable food garden that will regularly provide fresh vegetables and fruits grown right in their own backyard."

The First Nations food garden grants build on and are part of the Province's Produce Availability in Remote Communities Initiative announced in November 2009, with the goal of helping remote communities gain better access to high-quality fruits and vegetables, and support the goals of the Province's healthy living program, ActNow BC.

First Nations community leaders will guide the development of the gardens, supported by an agronomist and \$200,000 in funding from government to the Aboriginal Agricultural Education Society of British Columbia. Plans to develop the gardens will begin as soon as possible within each community.

"New food gardens for First Nations communities not only provide better access to local, fresh and healthy foods, but they also build community spirit among those people involved in growing the garden," said George Abbott, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Communities that developed a comprehensive plan for their food garden were given priority and larger funding allocations were awarded to communities in the most remote areas of the province.

A community garden will provide the much-needed natural healthy local food and an opportunity for people to connect

with each other and to the land," said Chief Harold Aljam, President of the First Nations Agricultural Association. "The Aboriginal Agricultural Education Society of British Columbia is excited to support First Nations communities as they develop new food gardens that will provide fresh foods for healthier communities."

Seventeen First Nations communities are receiving one-time grant funding ranging from \$3,700 to \$19,900 to support new community food gardens:

* Ahousaht First Nation
* Douglas First Nation (Xa'xtsa)
* Dzawada'enuxw (Tsawataineuk) First Nation

* Harttessahat Tribe
* Hartt Bay Village Council - Gitgaat Community Garden

* Hul'q'umi'num' First Nation
* Hul'q'umi'num' Health Society (Penelakut)
* Iskut Valley Health Services
* Kitkatla Band Council (Gixaala) Community Garden

* Kwadacha Natural Resources Agency Ltd. (Kwadacha Nation)

* Nisga'a Valley Health Authority-Laxgalts'ap Garden

* Lhoosk'uz Dene (Klusus) Nation

* Namgis First Nation

* New Aiyansh Village Government

* Tahltan Health and Social Services Authority

* Tla-o-qui-aht Band Council-Opitsaht

* Tsay Keh Dene First Nation

Some of the our most familiar foods come from Aboriginal communities

make sure enough stay in the basket for the trip home.

Fiddleheads are tender young ferns before they uncurl and become big ferns.

They grow in the forests and are called fiddleheads because they resemble the head of a fiddle.

Guess what? The meal before you is derived from traditional Aboriginal foods, although in a "wilder" state than you might be accustomed to. Wild turkey with wild rice stuffing, wild potatoes, wild cranberries, bannock or corn bread, squash, beans and for dessert, some whipped wild berries.

If you were to take a culinary trip across the country, you'd find out just how much of what you take for granted as Canadian food products really are Aboriginal, going back even further back, than when your parents were kids.

Talk about variety!

In Atlantic Canada, aside from the abundance of the ocean, there is a delicious plant that has been harvested and prepared by First Nations people for

thousands of years before the invention of frozen vegetables.

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Quebec is famous for maple syrup, and guess who first thought of taking the sap from a maple tree and turning it into something so sweet and tasty? If you guessed the Aboriginal peoples of Quebec, you'd be right. It makes for a real treat after a hearty moose stew.

There isn't much you can't do with blueberry as a food product. It can go into a recipe for just about anything, sweet or sour, hot or cold.

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It's fun to pick blueberries on a hot August day, just the way Aboriginal peoples in Ontario have been doing for generations. The beauty is that you can also set up your fishing rod to catch a mess of pickerel while you're off picking berries. The trick, of course, has always been to

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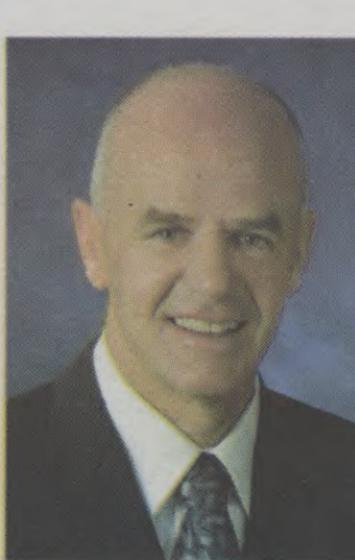
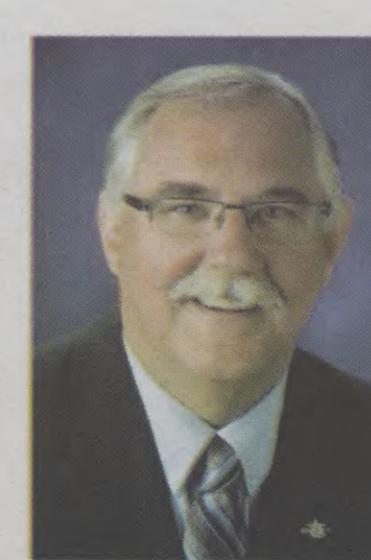
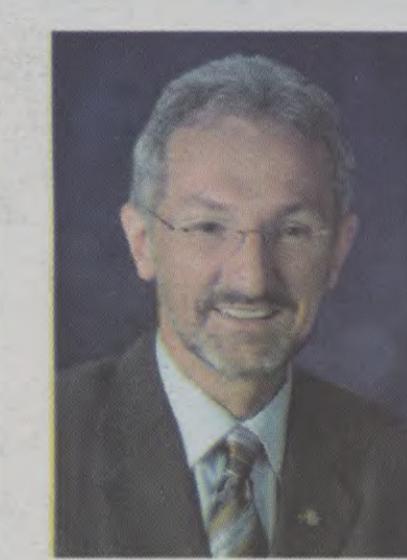
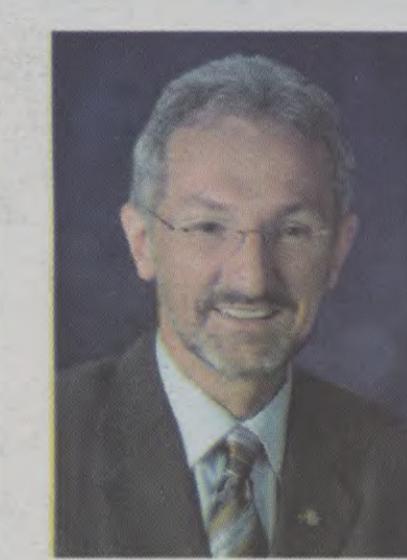
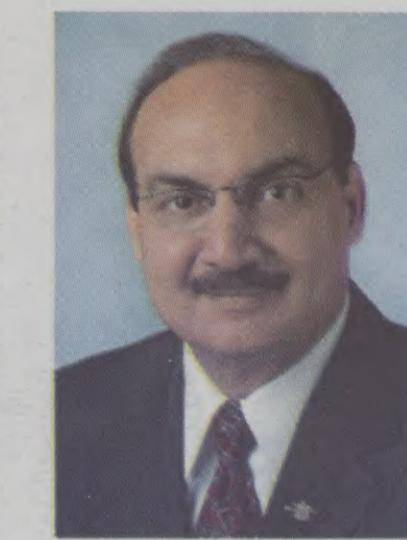
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Chief Patrick James supports the project, saying Mowachaht/Muchalaht owns part of the property the old mill sits on.

His First Nation would benefit by leasing the property to Green Island Energy. The project would also offer much-needed jobs to a community where the main employer is the band administration office.

"There's nothing for us here, we want the jobs, training and opportunities," he said.

The construction phase of the project, if it goes ahead, will bring much-needed employment to both Mowachaht/Muchalaht and to the Village of Gold River. An estimated 50 jobs will be created in the plant along with spin-off benefits a new deep sea dock and barging facility would bring.

In fact, Roger Quan said modern plants are much cleaner thanks to new pollution control systems. "They are cleaner than landfills, backyard burning and woodstoves," he said.

The first nation bussed band members into Campbell River from their Gold River home to show their support. Many wore green T-shirts. "We support the Gold River Project" emblazoned on the back. The T-shirts were supplied courtesy of BC Building Trades.

They listened intently as Chair Lois Jackson and her panel described Metro Vancouver's draft solid waste management plan in great detail. The panel seemed pleased that there was over-

whelming support from the region for a proposed facility but warned that other options are up for consideration.

Depending on what the Ministry of Environment and public says, they could go with the Cache Creek Landfill, 340 km east of Vancouver. If they went with a waste-to-energy option they would have to, with public approval, seek in-region contractors to do the work before considering out-of-region companies like Gold River Project.

Said Roger Quan, Air Quality Planning Division Manager, "Is there community support for waste to energy as opposed to landfill in the lower mainland? Yes." Johnny Carline said there is lots of interest in Vancouver's private sector to develop a plant but said they would have to compete with other bids in order to win the contract.

But Chief James said when he attended a recent public waste disposal meeting in Vancouver it seemed the support for in-region waste-to-energy projects was not there. According to James, a group of environmentalists strongly expressed their opposition to a waste-to-energy plant in the lower mainland citing concern over air pollution.

In fact, Roger Quan said modern plants are much cleaner thanks to new pollution control systems. "They are cleaner than landfills, backyard burning and woodstoves," he said.

The Metro Vancouver Waste Management Committee will continue First Nations Regional Meetings until June 29. They will compile comments and address any concerns. Metro Vancouver will submit plans to the Minister of Environment before the end of summer.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Grade 12

Graduation Celebration

Saturday, June 26, 2010

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hosted by the

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- Posses knowledge First Nations Government
- Minimum two years Post Secondary education in business administration, finance and related fields.
- Preference may be given to those of Aboriginal ancestry

General Overview of Role and Responsibilities

1. Providing leadership and initiative through on-going review and improvements of programs and services.
2. Liaising with and providing assistance to Council in all related issues.
3. Ensuring the development, recommendations and monitoring of financial plans and budgets.
4. Developing, planning and applying for additional revenue from external programs and services.

5. Maintaining positive relations with Provincial Ministries, Federal Ministries, First Nation governments, education institutions and other municipal and business associations.

Please submit your resume to:

Ditidaht First Nation

Email: admin@ditidaht.ca

Fax: 250-745-3332

Deadline June 30, 2010 4:30p.m.

NETP NEWS

he Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program is moving into a new and exciting time. A five year Business Plan is now underway to transition from a AHRDAH (Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement Holder) to ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Strategy). The new Agreement has three main components: 1) Demand Driven, 2) Partnerships, and 3) Accountability.

IZEN Consulting has been hired to assist with the five year Business Plan, and White Raven Consulting to conduct the Regional Community Engagement Sessions. The first session will take place in Huu-ay-aht the week of June 21, 2010; in Ehatesaht the week of June 28, 2010; and Ahousaht to be announced.

NETP STAFF CHANGES

Employment Outreach Counsellor – Melissa Trowbridge will be leaving NETP as of June 21, 2010.



Rob Oldale

Rob Oldale – In addition to his role as Senior BladeRunner Coordinator Rob will provide Employment Assistance Services to the Northern Region. Rob will also provide EAS support services for the Port Alberni office located at 3088 3rd avenue.



Tatiana Chorney

Senior Bookkeeper/ Cost Accountant, Ucluelet BC

Our client is seeking an assertive self-motivated individual capable of assisting in the direction of the company. A preference will be given to forestry accounting experience.

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Phone calls will not be accepted.



Robyn Samuel

Tofino area Tatiana will provide Employment Assistance Services to the Central Region.

Robyn Samuel – Provides Employment Assistance Services to the Port Alberni

Office and the Southern Region. Robyn also conducts TOWES assessments for in-take to our Trades Program.

PROGRAM CLOSURE

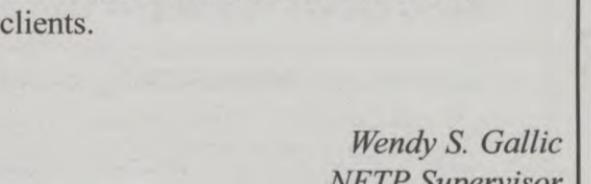
The a-m'a-sip (SOI) program held at 3088 3rd avenue in Port Alberni will be closed for the summer starting June 21, 2010 to conduct program reviews and revisions. Look for a new and exciting program....to be announced.

OFFICE CLOSURE

NETP will be vacating the Tofino office on 230 Main Street as of September 30, 2010. A new location is being sought in Tofino and will be announced.

The NETP Advisory Committee and staff are committed to ensuring quality Service and Programs that will help build a foundation for success for all our learners. A review of our curriculum, current programs, administrative policies and process, communication in-house and with outside agencies, points of service, and marketing strategies will be conducted over the next year to improve efficiency, productivity and accountability to our funders, our service area and to our clients.

Wendy S. Gallic
NETP Supervisor



Hatcheries: Do they help or hurt Clayoquot wild salmon?

This article is part of a series exploring potential reasons behind the decline of Clayoquot salmon.

DFO explained during a recent conference that declines in Strait of Georgia hatchery coho salmon survival are about three times faster than that of wild coho. It appears as if wild fish are better able to survive in stressful environments, such as the one we are facing with rapidly changing environmental conditions.

In Clayoquot Sound, hatcheries are small, so many of the impacts listed above are managed to be negligible. That doesn't mean, however, that they are increasing the returns of wild salmon. Some salmon populations on local rivers that were enhanced for a period of time (e.g., Cypress and Tranquill) increased with enhancement, but returned to low numbers once enhancement stopped. Hatcheries didn't address the cause of the declines, though it did avoid the complete loss of that population. And our Nootka neighbours noticed in a 2009 study on the Burman River that only 7% of the returns of 2400 chinook were naturally spawned; 50% were from Burman net pens, and the rest were strays from other local hatcheries. One stray was actually from the Robertson Creek Hatchery in Port Alberni (from personal communication with Roger Dunlop, Uu-a-thluk biologist).

As you can see, enhancement doesn't solve the problems limiting salmon in the first place; it just delays the effects. Enhancement alone will not bring back wild stocks to Clayoquot Sound, but considering the extremely critical numbers, low level hatchery use can help to maintain some of the biological diversity. Other rebuilding tools need to be implemented in conjunction with hatcheries, such as management of fishing pressure along with other potential limiting factors.

Some hatcheries have played an important role in sustaining some highly endangered populations, but a recovery program must try to understand what is limiting salmon in the first place. Whether to use hatcheries or not is a societal decision; hatcheries will provide more fish and will involve local people in recovery efforts. But alone they will not preserve wild stocks.

Katie Beach is a biologist with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Opinions expressed are the author's. She lives in Tofino.

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Give somthing back to the ocean each day

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—West Coast Aquatic and the Tsawalk Partnership celebrated Ocean's Day at Victoria Quay on June 8 with a salmon luncheon.

Jake Martens, the director of communication and fundraising for West Coast Aquatic, told Ha-Shilth-Sa the celebration was not only meant to raise awareness of the importance of the ocean in the areas of employment, resources and recreation, but also to talk about the challenges facing the ocean, such as pollution from industry that affects water quality and, in return, impacts fisheries stocks.

A diverse group attended the event, including business leaders, city representatives and Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

While people enjoyed their salmon dinner on Ocean's Day, they were treated to a video that showed a wide variety of people talking about their Acts of Tsawalk. Mike Carter, the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce manager, for example, said his Act of Tsawalk was to encourage prawn harvesters to use commercial traps so young prawns can escape through the larger holes in the netting and thereby sustain the stock.

West Coast Aquatic staff also encouraged those people attending the luncheon to share their Acts of Tsawalk, which will be compiled and posted on the Web site www.tsawalk.ca which was launched at the Ocean's Day event.

Introduced at the event were two of three young people who won the Acts of Tsawalk youth contest held recently. Ross Aday of Ucluelet First Nation and Lily Charlton of Hupacasath won in the video and artwork categories respectively. Ucluelet's Laura Timmerman was unable to attend, but won in the poster category.

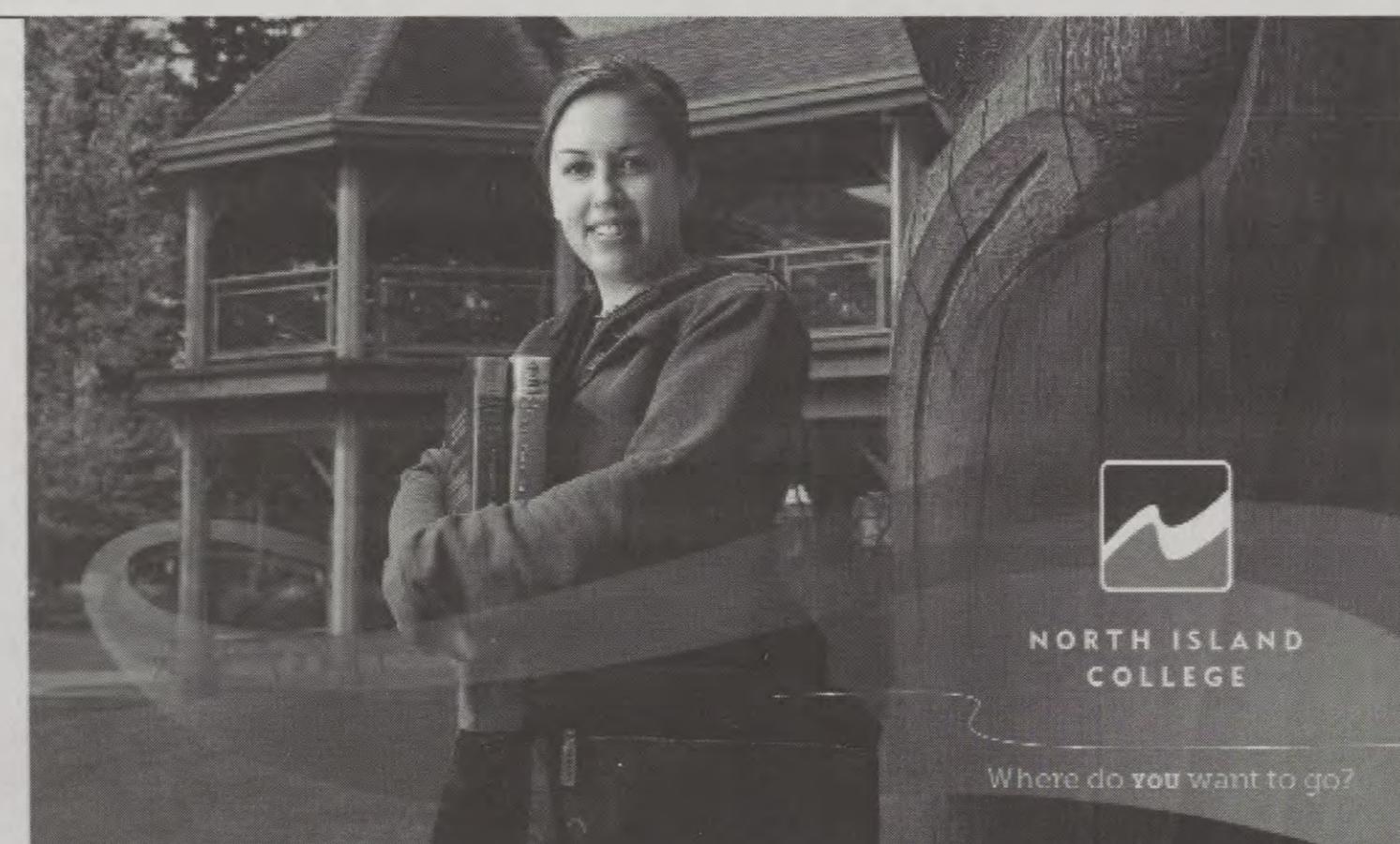
Dr. Simon Lucas of Hesquiaht mused



Jake Marten, West Coast Aquatic's director of Communications and Fundraising, Rose Aday of Ucluelet First Nation, Lily Charlton of Hupacasath, and Kelly Foxcroft Poirier, director of engagement for the Tsawalk Partnership project, attended the first ever Ocean's Day held in Port Alberni on June 8. Rose won a Tsawalk project contest for best video for her Act of Tsawalk, the thing that she does to improve the marine environment, and Lily won for best artwork. Ucluelet resident Laura Timmerman won for best poster.

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Where do you want to go?

effect on addressing the challenges facing the marine environment.

Tsawalk is a Nuu-chah-nulth word that means one. The Tsawalk Partnership is using the word as a Walk the Tsawalk initiative based on the Nuu-chah-nulth philosophy Hishuk ish Tsawalk or everything is one and all is connected. The Acts of Tsawalk campaign asks people for examples of what they do to help the environment.

He also remembered the creatures of the ocean and a special killer whale known as Tsux'it or Luna. He remembered wolf whistling to Tsux'it only to have him rise up from the water and lay his head on Lucas' chest. Tsux'it also liked to have his teeth rubbed.

Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h

First Nations
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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- For the financial management of budgets and monitoring of Economic Development expenditures;
- For the development of individual and tribal economic development opportunities
- For the overseeing and monitoring of related KCFN businesses and corporate interests.
- Assist in facilitating and coordinating business development workshops and seminars

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of Chief and Council and in order to create opportunities which will increase the diversity, stability, sustainability and equitability of the Kyuquot economy the Manager has overall responsibility to carry out the policies governing the procedures and operations of all aspects of band affairs and to implement the mandates of the Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' First Nations as defined through resolution of the Council and membership. Through the delegation of authority and the executive limitations policy of the Chief and Council, the Manager is responsible to establish all regulations and procedures, make decisions, initiate administrative actions, establish all practices, and develop all activities regarding the delivery of Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' First Nations services to the membership.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

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- Development and implementation of annual budgets
- Prepare funding applications and proposals
- Liaison with government programs, NTC staff and others as appropriate or required
- Seek out new business opportunities and revenue
- Overseer and monitor related business activities and corporate interests
- Develop new programs and initiatives to meet the needs of the KCFN community (training, capacity-building) in consultation with appropriate KCFN personnel

Professional Development and Conduct

- Continue own education/training to upgrade own skills and information base
- Hold regular office hours and be punctual
- Treat all community members with respect, equality and in a polite manner at all times
- Attend public Band meetings as required
- Maintain open lines of communication with all community members
- Maintain confidentiality on client matters, as well as other sensitive affairs of the KCFN at all times
- Adhere to substance abuse by-law

Deadline for applications is: July 15, 2010

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Vicky Tottenham, LPN	250-724-5757	Central	Toquaht, Ucluelet, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ahousaht, Hot Springs
Deb McIvin, LPN	250-724-5757	Central / Southern	Ahousaht, Tseshahat, Uchucklesaht, Huu-ay-aht
Catherine Sturgeon, RN	250-724-5757	Southern	Tseshahat, Hupacasath, Uchucklesaht, Dildah, Huu-ay-aht
Laurie Sinclair, LPN	250-724-5757	Southern	Tseshahat, Dildah
Meghan Bennett, LPN	250-283-2012	Northern	Mowachaht, Oclucjo, Fhatis
Pearl Dorward, LPN	250-731-1370 ext 18109	All	FN Advocate West Coast General Hospital
Ina Seitcher, RN	250-724-5757	All	HIC Supervisor

* Although there may be changes to staff who work in communities, the contact numbers will always remain the same.

Community & Beyond

Loonie Toonie Auction

June 19

Port Alberni

NCN Scholarship Celebration

July 16

Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mabs gym beginning at 6 p.m. Chumas will be provided after the award presentations. For more information call Eileen Haggard at 724-5757. Scholarship applications can be picked up from your band office or the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. If are living away from home you can download the application off of the NTC website – www.nuuch-nulth.org. There are six additional scholarships that will be awarded, two cultural awards, two athletic awards and a fine arts awards. See the details on the application form.

Artists' Fair and Barbecue

June 21

Tofino

Northern Region Games

July 30 to Aug. 2

Zeballos

Hosted by Nuchatlath Tribe. Starting in the evening 4 p.m. Contact Person: Tracie John. Nuchatlath Office (250)332-5908.

Tlu-piich Games

Aug. 4 to 9

Port Alberni

They are back and your participation is encouraged. Watch Ha-Shilth-Sa for more information in the coming months.

Responsible Gambling Strategies

Aug. 8 to Aug. 27

Port Alberni

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Aug. 3 and 4

Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mabs Gym. Look more information in upcoming issues.

NTC Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Aug. 4

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Klecko's - ḷekoo

It has been a very difficult year and I would like to say how important it was to have my family by my side, to help financially, phone when needed and friends who are truly friends to making sure I was alright.

The loss we endured in my family was huge and a long process because we knew as a family we weren't going to have my late husband Brian long. He battled with his disease for 7 years and to know what this disease does can become exhausting and stressful. The unconditional LOVE that is needed to go through this.

There is so many, many people that we give "Thanks" to:

My sister Barb, Niece Anita, her children, Xavier, Dakota, Chanice, Niece Bonnie for visiting Brian when I couldn't make it. My brother Ruben visiting every Wednesday which I know made him so happy inside. To all the ones who came by to see him. "Klecko". We had a book where visitors could sign, so we kept a record of his time at New Horizon.

To Auntie Violet, Uncle Willie for been there through the whole ordeal, giving us your support. We all love you both. Also to 2 very special friends Mark and Valerie Jack for being there with my family.

To Homiss for sending him off traditionally, it meant so much to us and my late husband.

To Tla-o-qui-aht, Francis, my relative for doing a wonderful eulogy it made our hearts lighter and to our relative Leo Manson for sitting with us, your presence was so comforting.

To Mowachaht, for your donation and the ladies Cecilia Savey, Sheila Savey for the meal, Allison Howard, Dorothy George, Brenda Johnson,

Kindergarten Registration

Just a reminder that if you have a Kindergarten aged child who will be 5 years old before December 31, 2010 (born 2005) please come in and register as soon as possible to your nearest elementary school.

Kyuquot/Cheklesaht First Nation

– Election of Chief & Council – June 30th 2010

Notice of Poll

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Kyuquot/Cheklesaht First Nation that a poll will be held:

Wednesday June 30th, 2010
at Kyuquot Community Hall
Poll hours are 8am – 8pm

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Michelle Corfield
Electoral Officer

Correction

In the June 3 issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa we incorrectly identified the artist that provided the artwork for the Qasii Qwayaciik Eye of the Wolf Project. His name is Ray Sim Sr. We apologize for any embarrassment or confusion our error would have caused.

It is with sadness, excitement, and an openness to possibility that we announce the ending of our "Tse Tsa Wul Tul" Residential School Healing Project. "When windows close new doors open." Since 2001 Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre has been afforded by the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to offer One to One Counseling, Couples Counseling, Women's Groups, Men's Groups, Retreats, Workshops, Youth Drop In Activities, Celebrations and Ceremonies to assist those whom attended Residential School and their descendants' with healing and opportunities to move forward. We wish all our program participants, families and elders the very best on their healing journeys and are honored we walked this small part of the path with you! Hych qa Siem! Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre has a variety of programs. Please feel free to come visit to see what may be available for you and your family or check out our website at www.tillicumlelum.ca. We wish all the program staff and participants much success, love, and light for a brilliant future! Special thanks to our Elders Advisory Committee – Dr. Grace Elliott Nielsen, JC Lucas, George and Ruth Cook, Bill and Maria Seward.

To Rick L for the service and this was what my late husband wanted and to the ball bearer's. I would like to say it was an honor to have your presence.

To Wayne Lord you are always there for us and it was so much easier.

It has taken so much time for me to write and say "Klecko" to you all. I will never forget the life we had together and the RESPECT that you all showed for my late husband. We cannot make it through life if we do not have family, friends to support us through our ordeals. There was so many, many family, friends who kept in contact and it is so heartwarming.

Last to New Horizon, staff, caregiver's, and nurses. This you had to witness, the devotion and love they had for my husband. He was well looked after and this was his second home where he was content. He spent his last days with people who loved him unconditionally like I did.

Chuu!

Marge, Adrienne, Juanita, Roberta, Tracy, Dwight, and all the grandchildren, great grandchildren.



Kyuquot/Cheklesaht First Nation

– Election of Chief & Council – June 30th 2010

List of Candidates May 28th, 2010

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Smith, Therese

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Jack, Lillian
Jack, Matthew
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Woiwood, Kori

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Students walk now with Nuu-chah-nulth names

Continued from page 1.

Hah kat (a gentle lady); Clarence John is Klenahkosis (A rainbow coming from a rocky point in Queens Cove where Clarence's great, great grandfather is buried); Philip John is Tah chuh aht (his family roots start at Tatchu Point); Charles John is Cha chom sin up (to put things right); Kimberly John is Cha-mah-peh (a cheerful person); Kenny Smith is Yahmaht took (speaks up for his people);

Lillian Hubert is Dah needs che sum (younger sibling); Grace John is Hoop ah toth (setting sun); Ellen is Hii K'usin-upsh and Felix Jr. is Chix chin.

Captain Meares school principal Natalie Nelson said the potlatch was a

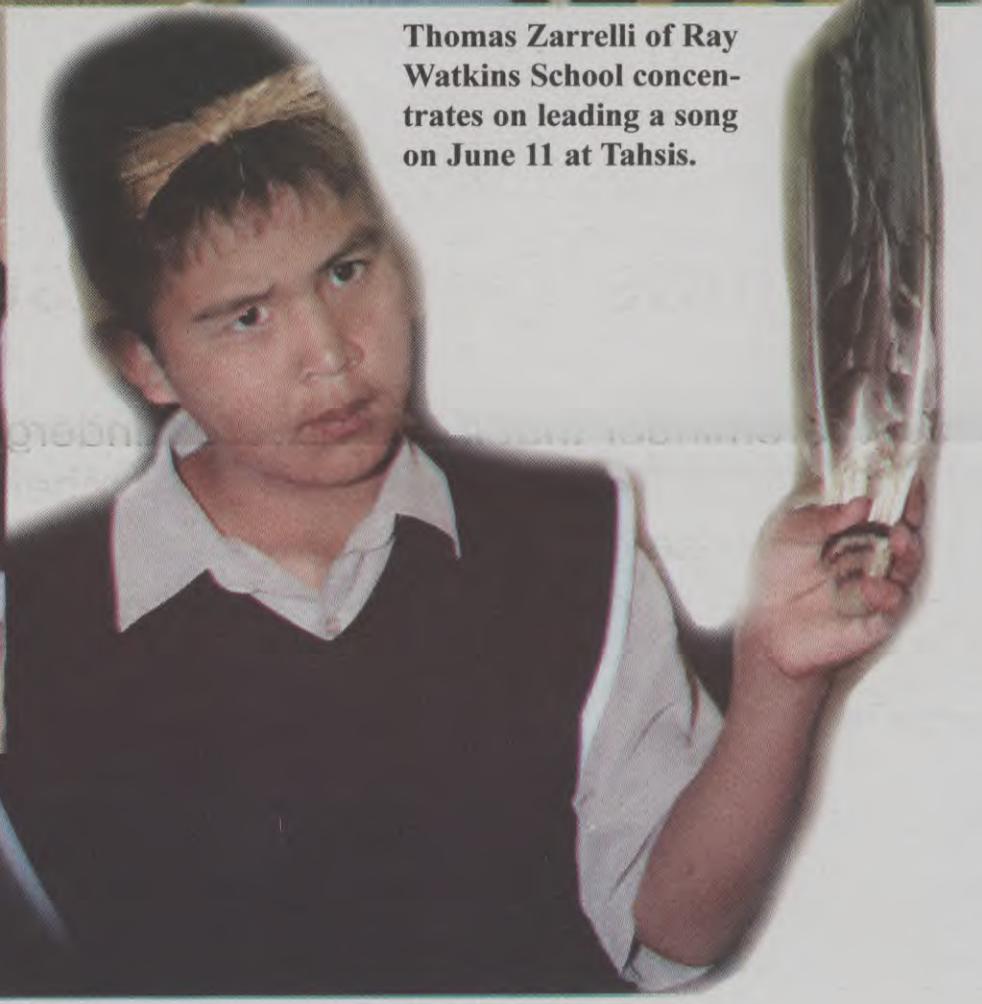
great undertaking and the school presented drums to the neighboring schools for honoring the invitation to attend. She thanked the staff of Captain Meares for the great job they did pulling together for the party.



Right: Philip John and Chrissie John emceeed the Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School potlatch on June 11 in Tahsis. The Raven mask carving beside them was carved by Steve Howard of Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.



Middle Bottom: Chuck John leads the dancers to open the potlatch and welcome the guests. He would receive a name from Janice John and a paddle song from Steve Howard, and he was given Earl J Smith's name Cha chom sin up (to put things right). Right Bottom: Selena Howard, 11, of Ray Watkins school.



Thomas Zarrelli of Ray Watkins School concentrates on leading a song on June 11 at Tahsis.



BIRTHDAYS & CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to (my son I call him), Darren Taylor John Born June 13th, 1990. Hope your day goes well son we love you so much, take care of yourself for us ok. From your auntie Jen and family.

Proud mother of Darren Taylor, is My sister Lorraine Julia John and her birthday is on June 17th hope you have an awesome day my sister missing you even though you are just in Zeballos lol it is always nice to get together with you. From your sister Jen and family.

Happy birthday to A.F.Conan John on June 4th. From dad and jen.

Happy birthday to Liz Hanson/John on June 17th from Jen. J. and family.

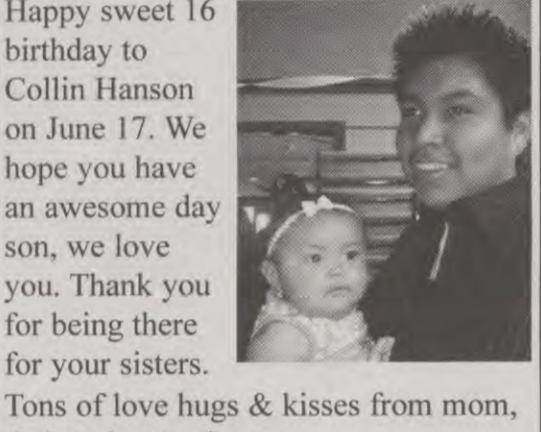
Happy birthday to our elder in our community Alban Michael hope you have an awesome day, take care and god bless from Jen John and family.

Happy birthday to my cousin Jeremy Smith on June 8th have a good day take care miss you and hope to see you again soon. Sorry if i mised anyone but happy birthday to all in June from Tim,Jen.John and family. chuu!

Happy birthday to Carl Smith Jr on June 18th hope you have a good day son take care of you from Auntie Jen John and family.

Happy Birthday to another precious family member Peter John on June 1st we love you so much son, take care of

For my dear daughter Kelly Anne Marie Tom up there in Port Hardy. For June 27, I'm wishing you a wonderful happy 7th birthday, Daughter; filled with two of life's most precious gifts—hope and happiness. I'm also enclosing a big smile, a warm hug, and my bestest wishes for the greatest birthday ever. I love you to the stars and beyond, my daughter! I wish no less than the BEST for you today and always in ALL ways! Love, Dad, Remi.



Congratulations to my lil sister Rhonda Parks (George), from Checkleseth-Kyuquot on working hard in earning her degree in Child Youth Care at Vancouver Island University, and Douglas College. Right on sister, we all love you, and very proud of you; mom would have been especially proud

Klecko's - Ḫekoo

I would like to thank everyone who helped us with our Loonie Toonie to raise the remaining balance on my late brother, Eddy Gallic's Funeral expenses on March 6, 2010 at the Somass Hall.

First off, I'd like to say that I am very grateful for the family and friends who donated gifts to help raise the money.

Connie Sam and her family, Margaret Robinson and Howard Little, Sherman Watts, Herman and Kay Watts, Wendy Gallic, Lisa Gallic, Aunt Jan and Uncle James Gallic, Anne and Keith Hunter, Debbie and Mike Foxcroft, Erma

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The commercial sardine fishery opened June 1st with Nuu-chah-nulth Nations poised, once again, to take advantage of its burgeoning opportunities. Sardine populations have recently re-emerged, and Ehlettesaht is one of the Nations participating in this season's commercial harvest.

Chief Councillor Fred Adams says his Nation's involvement has grown from one to three licences over the past few years, with the allowable catch nearly doubling in that time. Last year, about a dozen Ehlettesaht members were employed on boats and as processors throughout the season. Ehlettesaht is currently negotiating with the processor and fishers for this season. As well, "we've been working with Nuchatlaht on making sure their licence gets fished and last year we made sure that they had a member on the boat, too," says Adams.

Although the fishery is re-emerging, Nuu-chah-nulth Nations have a long tradition of harvesting sardines (*kuuswi*). According to Roy Alexander, board member of the First Nations Sardine Association, *kuuswi* was an important food source and a trade good when surpluses existed. European visitors once described Mowachaht canoes herding shoals of *kuuswi* until they were dense enough to scoop with baskets and rakes. By the 1890s, a non-Nuu-chah-nulth sardine reduction fishery existed, which by the 1940s was the largest single-species fishery in British Columbia. However, late in the 1940s the sardine reduction fishery collapsed.

The collapse may have been due to overfishing, but sardine populations are now thought to be cyclical. Uu-a-thluk fisheries biologist Roger Dunlop explains: "They're normally associated with a warm water mass off California. And when we started to get these El Niño events around the mid-nineties, the sardines—the larger

A Sardine Fishery Primer

ones have larger body length and can swim faster and farther for that reason—arrived here."

Some scientists believe that the *kuuswi* and *kusmit* (herring) are inversely related in abundance. "When the water's warm, sardines are abundant, and then when the waters cool off again, they disappear, and then I think the WCVI herring populations may come back up," says Dunlop.

Uu-a-thluk biologist Jim Lane agrees that sardine populations are cyclical, but adds that humans still have an impact on their abundance. "Sardines were overfished in the 1920's-30's, leading to a dramatic collapse and a longer period of rebuilding than would have occurred if the population was larger," he says.

Whatever the case, sardines provide opportunity for Nuu-chah-nulth: of the 50 existing licences in the fishery, 25 are First Nations Communal Licences, and 18 of those are held by Nuu-chah-nulth Nations.

Kuuswi are sold primarily in Asia as food and bait for long-line fishing, but prices have been low. Processing has also shifted from traditional canneries to (more expensive) freezing. On top of population, pricing, and processing challenges, there is some question about how allocations will be handled as a result of the recent Nuu-chah-nulth Fishing Rights decision. Negotiations between the Nations and the Government of Canada will determine what form the fishery takes in the future.

Despite uncertainties, many are hopeful for the future. Alexander mentions recent improvements to the fishing regulations, which allow Nations to harvest together, sharing resources for what might otherwise be a prohibitively expensive venture. The fish is high quality, he says, and "each licence now is almost one million pounds of fish and there [are] very few licences with that kind of abundance".

Chief Adams already sees benefits for his Nation. He mentions improved relations with neighbouring communities, whose businesses benefit from the economic renewal. And at home, as Adams says, "when there's lots of work, the esteem gets built." Adams hopes to increase Ehlettesaht marine training; Uu-a-thluk helped arrange small craft operator training for ten Ehlettesaht members, building capacity for future ventures. If the Nations see increased licensing certainty in the coming years, "we're going to lease a boat and hire a skipper and engineer and then crew it with Ehlettesaht," says Adams.

To learn more about your Nation's participation in the sardine fishery, contact the fisheries coordinator at your administration office.

Clockwise from left:
Georgina John from
Kyuquot during the 2009
fishery; sardine fishing in
Ehlettesaht territory; the
crew from the Zeballos
plant dock of
Mid-Island Ice.



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